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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQI
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1. JORDANIAN NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE ISRAELI RAID
CONTINUES TO BUILD. IN ADDITION TO COLDNESS TOWARD
EMBASSY OFFICERS MENTIONED IN REF A PARA 6. THERE IS
INCREASINGLY STRONG CRITICISM OF THE US IN THE

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JORDANIAN MEDIA. JUNE 10 ARABIC DAILY AD-DUSTOUR
PUBLISHED A LENGTHY MANIFESTO OF THE "JORDANIAN
POPULAR COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF THE
IRAQI PEOPLE," WHICH PROCLAIMS THAT THE ISRAELI
ATTACK REPRESENTS AN ESCALATION IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI
CONFLICT. IT STATES THAT "ZIONIST POWER," BACKED
TO THE HILT BY THE US, CANNOT BE COUNTERBALANCED
BY THE SPLIT AND DIVIDED ARAB NATION. THE STATEMENT
URGED ALL ARAB STATES TO ASSIST IRAQ AND TO ADOPT A
FIRM ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US IN ORDER TO COERCE IT IN-
TO HALTING ITS MILITARY AND POLITICAL AID TO ISRAEL.
THIS STATEMENT APPEARED WITH MORE THAN 200 SIGNATURES
INCLUDING THOSE OF MANY PROMINENT CITIZENS WHO NUMBER
AMONG THE EMBASSY'S LONG-TIME CONTACTS.

2. EDITORIAL OPINION CONTINUES SKEPTICAL OF US

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WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ANY MEANINGFUL ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF ITS CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI RAID. AD-DUSTOUR OF JUNE 10 COMMENTED: "THAT THE US POSITION WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY REVEALS THE COURSE WHICH THE US UN DELEGATE WILL ADOPT DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE RAID BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE WOULD WAGER THAT THE US WILL TRY TO SOFTEN THE TONE OF ANY RESOLUTION THAT WILL BE ISSUED IN CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI RAID AND WILL USE ITS VETO AGAINST ANY STRONG RESOLUTION THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AGAINST ISRAEL." THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE JORDAN TIMES EDITORIALIZES ON JUNE 11 AS FOLLOWS: "THE MORE RELEVANT MATTER TODAY IS WHETHER OR NOT THE UNITED STATES HAS THE MORAL FORTITUDE TO DISENTANGLE ITSELF FROM THE WEB OF HYSTERICAL SELF-IMPORTANCE ISRAEL HAS SPUN AROUND ITSELF AND THAT IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO IMPOSE ON THE ENTIRE WORLD ONLY BY THE VIRTUE OF THE MONEY AND ARMAMENTS THAT IT GETS FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE

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UNITED STATES."

3. ALL JUNE 11 NEWSPAPERS HEADLINE THE KING'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN(REF E) AND PRINT THE TEXT OF IT IN FULL. THE KING'S MESSAGE RECEIVES MUCH FAVORABLE COMMENT IN THE EDITORIAL COLUMNS OF THESE NEWSPAPERS. AD-DUSTOUR DECLARES THAT THE KING'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN REFLECTS THE TRAGIC HISTORY OF ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS DURING WHICH THE US HAS NEVER HESITATED TO DECLARE ITS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND ITS DENIAL OF ARAB RIGHTS. AR-RA'1 ADDS THAT THE KING'S MESSAGE IS THE MOST SERIOUS EVER SENT BY AN ARAB LEADER TO A US PRESIDENT. IT STATES THAT THIS MESSAGE GOES BEYOND MERE COMPLAINT ABOUT THE ISRAELI RAID TO AFFIRM THAT THE ARABS DO NOT EXCUSE WASHINGTON FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS ACTIONS AND STATES THAT THE ARABS WILL OPPOSE A JOINT AMERICA-ISRAELI CHALLENGE WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES. COLUMNIST ABDUL RAHIM OMAR WRITING IN THE AD-DUSTOUR STATES THAT THE ARABS SHOULD NOT EXPECT THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO PREVENT ISRAEL FROM CONTINUING ITS ATTACKS ON THE ARAB NATIONS. HE COUNSELS THE ARABS TO HANDLE THE MATTER BY CONFRONTING THE US IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO FORCE IT TO STOP SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH ARMS AND MONEY. ZWEIFEL

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